विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) और (ख) दामोदर घाटी निगम प्रणाली में अपर्याप्त विद्युत उत्पादन तथा कम मात्रा में विद्युत की उपलब्धता के कारण अप्रैल, 1992 से नवम्बर, 1992 के महीनों के दौरान दुर्गापुर तथा बोकारो स्टील संयंत्रों को अनेकबार प्रतिबंधित विद्युत सप्लाई करनी पड़ी थी ।

Issue of electricity bills to Government Employees in Delhi

4318. SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for new electricity connections received by DESU this year, so far. from persons residing in Government colonies in Delhi;

(to) whether all such applicants have got the electricity connection;

(c) if so, whether all these consumers have received their first electricity bill from DESU within three months;

(d) I f not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when DESU propose to send them their first electricity bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) DESU does not maintain oeparate statistics about the release of electricity connections in respect of persons residing in Government colonies, since there is no separate procedure for them for grant of electricity connections. Normally, the applications for grant of new connections are disposed of within a period of 14 days. of completion of the prescribed formalities, Normally, the first electricity bill is issued within a period of six months depending upon the receipt of requisite particulars by the Computer Section. However. DESU can indicate the status of application and issue of first electricity bill in respect of any specific case brought to its notice. Possibilities of certain omissions/delays in a vast network of DESU comprising of about 18 lakh consumem cannot be ruled out.

Supply of Gas to Gas based Power Projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra

4319. SHRI MURLIDHAR SHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of gas-based power projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra are pending, sanction of gas supplies or additional gas-supplies;

(b) if so, the details of their gas requirements or additional gas requirements; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in sanctioning of gas to these power plan's?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) A scheme for gas based power plant at Pipavav (615 MW) in Gujarat was cleared by the Centra] Electricity Authority (CEA) in March, 1991 subject to certain conditions including tie-up of 2.25 MCMD gas. Since the gas linkage is yet to be tied up the scheme has not been approved by the CEA.

(c) Since 'surplus gas was not avail-ble for new projects, such new projects were not pursued in the CEA and the Gujarat Electricity Board as well as the Maharashtra State Electricity Board were! informed accordingly. No proposal for gas based power station in Maharashtra of Gujarat is pending in CEA for tech-no-economic clearance for want of gas linkage.

Commissioning of Uttaran Power Station in Gujarat

4320. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttaran Power Station of Gujarat State Electricity Board is not being commissioned

for nearly one year because natural gas has not been made available for it;

(b) when the decision to allocate gas to this power station was taken by Government;

(c) by what date gas supply has been sought by Gujarat State Electricity Board from ONGC for commissioning the power plant; and

(d) what steps are heing taken to ensure that gas is supplied immediately to the Uttaran Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending Power Projects

4321. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 37 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether some power projects are pending with the Central Government for approval;

(b) what are the details of pending, power projects district-wise, as on the 15th December, 1992;

(c) whether some expenditure has been estimated on these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to take some action to clear these projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Annexure *(See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 81)

(e) and (f) proposals in respect of 115 power projects (Thermal & Hydel) have been received from various States and are currently being processed. The time taken for according approval to the proposals received would depend upon the details given by the State Governments/State Electricity Boards and upon clearances from various concerned *cert*-itraJ agencies /Ministries, such as the Central Electricity Authority from techno-economic point of view, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural' Gas and Ministry of Coal for establishing fuel linkages, Ministry of Surface Transport and Ministry of Railways in respect of transportation and handling of fuel, (Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental clearance and Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission for investment ap-' proval.

Non settlement of hills of consume by D.E.S.U.

4322. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3805 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the reasons that the case of consumer K. No. 203-1233416 has not been settled so far inspite of depositing the final bill on the 15th January, 1992 and reminding the Department thrice;

(b) whether a large scale corruption is rampant in the paharganj District dV DGSU and the consumers are harassed with a view to extract money illegally;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the DESU authorities of the District Office' at Idgah furnish altogether wrong and misleading information;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct raids in the district office and enquire into the affairs of this district to save the consumers;

Assistance Finance Officer of this District does not listen to the complaints of the public on one pretext or the other[1] and